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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants : Günter HALMSCHLAGER et al)

Appln. No. : 09/482,263)

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For : BELT FOR MACHINES FOR PRODUCING MATERIAL WEBS AND
PROCESS OF PRODUCING THE BELT)

Art unit: 3651



INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Pursuant to the duty of disclosure set forth in 37 CFR 1.56 and in accordance with the provisions of 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98, the following information is brought to the attention of the Examiner for consideration during the examination of the instant application:

Applicants submit herewith a copy of the German Search Report (in German) conducted in German Application No. 199 00 989.9, which is a counterpart of the instant application. In particular the German Examiner cited:

(1) DE 295 10 307 U1, which is cited as an "Y" category document (i.e. indicating lack of inventive step). In particular, the German Examiner indicated that the whole document is relevant to claims 1, 3, 4, 7 and 11 of the German Application;

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(2) DE 32 35 468 C2, which is cited as an "Y" category document with respect to the German Application;

(3) DE 41 15 816 A1, which is cited as an "Y" category document with respect to the German Application;

(4) US 5,753,085, which is cited as an "Y" category document with respect to the German Application;

(5) DE 32 31 039 C2, which is cited as an "Y" category document with respect to the German Application;

(6) DE 40 26 339 A1, which is cited as an "Y" category document with respect to the German Application; and

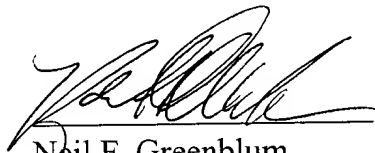
(7) GB 1,058,616 A, which is cited as an "Y" category document with respect to the German Application.

Copies of the above-listed documents (including the German Search Report) are enclosed as is a completed copy of the PTO-1449 Form listing these documents. Accordingly, the Examiner is requested to consider these documents and to indicate such consideration by returning a signed and initialed copy of the PTO-1449 Form with the first official communication.

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Should there be any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below listed number.

Respectfully submitted,
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